

Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)

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UNCLASSIFIED



What is Controlled Unclassified Information?

Information the government creates that allows for, or requires, safeguarding and dissemination controls in accordance with laws, regulations, or government-wide policies (LRGWP) but is not classified under EO 13526 (Classified National Security Information).

Information that an entity creates or possesses for or on behalf of the Government that is protected by LRGWP.

For example, privacy, law enforcement, critical technical information and some forms of agency defined operational information traditionally marked "FOUO" can be designated as "CUI" or information associated with DoD contracts.

What is the difference between FOUO and CUI?

DoDM 5200.01, Volume 4, DoD Information Security Program: Controlled Unclassified Information, the original guidance on implementation of CUI is now referred as a legacy policy and was replaced by DoDI 5200.48, Controlled Unclassified Information.

DoD's legacy "FOUO" marking was authorized to protect UNCLASSIFIED information that "may be exempt from mandatory disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)."

The CUI Program developed a common marking system across Federal Agencies and created categories to capture the many types of UNCLASSIFIED information requiring safeguarding based on existing laws, regulations, and government-wide policies.



Why is the CUI Program important?

The CUI Program established policy for designating, handling and decontrolling unclassified information that requires protection.

Designating occurs when an authorized holder determines that a specific item of information falls into a CUI category or subcategory listed in the CUI Registry.

An authorized holder is an individual, agency, organization, or group of users that is permitted to handle or designate CUI – must have an authorized, lawful government purpose.





How to safeguard CUI?

During work hours, minimize risk of access to CUI by unauthorized personnel.

Do not read, discuss, or leave CUI unattended where unauthorized personnel are present.

After work hours in buildings with continuously monitored access points, store in unlocked containers, desks, or cabinets.

In buildings that do not have continuously monitored access points, store in locked desks, files cabinets, bookcases, locked rooms, or similarly secured areas.





CUI Document Sample



CUI

SUBJECT: (U) Subject line is Unclassified

(CUI) The first paragraph contains CUI information as identified in the CUI Registry.

(U) The second paragraph is unclassified or uncontrolled information. Portion marking is highly recommended but optional unless comingled in a classified document.

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Responsibilities

If you accidently come across document marked CUI:

- Secure the document
- Do not share the document with anyone
- Contact your Security Office





Questions?

